

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Jun MATSUMOTO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2819
Application No.: 10/557,557)) Examiner: Khai M. Nguye `
Filed: November 21, 2005))
For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECODING, AND PROGRAM) Confirmation No.: 2010))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, the period for response having been extended to September 2, 2007, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.